

BIH FIMR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

1. The color-coded forms are difficult to copy. Can we get clean black and white copies?

They are available on the BIH FIMR Website.

http://www.mch.dhs.ca.gov/programs/bih_fimr/bih_fimr.htm

2. Our county has a pediatric case review that will review cases up to age 19. Can this same group act as the FIMR case review team?

As long as the cases are abstracted, de-identified, and the team understands the duties and responsibilities of a FIMR case review team, they can review FIMR cases. However, when they review other child death cases beyond the age of 1 year, they are no longer the FIMR Team and must keep the functions separate.

3. Who needs to sign confidentiality statements?

The FIMR staff, case review team, and community action team should sign confidentiality statements. For an example see p. 19 of the Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Manual.

4. Who is a Perinatal Period of Risk (PPOR) Stakeholder? How many should we have? What do they do?

This will be discussed at the PPOR training in January. If, after January 18, this is still unclear, let us know and we will discuss this with you.

5. Can you give us some idea of the number of cases you want us to review?

This will be determined following the PPOR presentation in January and based upon analysis of the past 3 year aggregated data for your county. This data will provide the proportion of cases to be drawn from each of the PPOR squares. In some counties all of the cases for the current year will need to be reviewed, and in other counties it will be a random selection. The number of cases to be reviewed is directly related to the number of fetal and infant deaths that occur in your county.

6. Will this mean more work for the BIH staff?

Not necessarily, it will depend upon each individual county. In some cases BIH staff may be asked to do some of the family interviews for African Americans not involved with BIH. In such instances the county may elect to designate a portion of the FIMR funding to cover that staff member's time for these activities.

In other instances the client will be a BIH enrollee and it will be an extension of the BIH program. In either case it should provide important information for both BIH and FIMR.

Additionally, the BIH staff will be asked for BIH-related program information on fetal/infant deaths.

7. Can the person doing the family interview be a contracted employee?

Yes.

8. Will we have a control group? We want to do PPOR for the entire county not just African American women and their babies.

The PPOR process applies to all births in your county. BIH FIMR is for African Americans only. Control groups, per se, aren't needed. This will become clearer at the January 18th training. If you still have questions, let us know.

9. Can someone besides the FIMR Coordinator do the parent interviews?

Yes.

10. What are the background requirements for the interviewer?

There are no specific requirements. It is up to the FIMR Coordinator to supervise the persons abstracting the data and performing the interviews. In some counties, the FIMR Coordinator will also do some or all of the data abstraction and/or interviews. It is important that these activities are completed in a timely fashion.

11. Does the case abstraction need to be completed prior to the parent interview?

They can be done concurrently, the only requirement is that the case summary and interview data should be de-identified and put into one summary for presentation to the Case Review Team (CRT) and the community action team (CAT).

12. Can we invite stakeholders to the PPOR Training set for Tuesday January 18??

At the present time we have room for approximately 50 people. Dr. Steinberg has clarified that it is mandatory for the MCAH Director and FIMR Coordinator. The other invited persons, who are encouraged but not required, to attend are the BIH Coordinator and a data person for the county. The Branch will cover the travel and one day of per diem for up to 2 attendees per jurisdiction.

If each of the jurisdictions sends 3-4 people (MCAH Director, FIMR Coordinator, BIH Coordinator and Data person) there will be limited space for extra participants. Please contact us individually if you wish to bring more than 4 people.

If you have a federally-funded Healthy Start Program in your community, you may invite a representative from that agency; however, no state funds are available to pay their travel or per diem expenses.

13. Will there be a charge per person to attend the PPOR training on 1/18?

There is no registration fee. We plan on having a working lunch. Participants can either bring a lunch, or we will make arrangements to order box lunches. The approximate cost for these lunches is \$7.00 per person.